



**Bulletin #2012-007      18 – January - 2012**

Subject:

MPL and P Category Door Panel Changes

Overview:

Effective immediately, the following rule changes go into effect:

1. Add the following as Article 7.6.C:

C. Exclusion for exceeding the maximum permitted lateness may only be applied at any control MTC, a Regrouping Control, or the end of the rally. It may also be applied by sweep.

Rationale: A car that is running significantly behind the rest of the field creates a safety issue. This rule change is being made to allow those cars that have exceeded their MPL to be excluded sooner than the rules previously allowed.

2. Replace Article 10.2.B.27.f with the following:

f. The rear seat, headliner, and trim pieces from the "B" pillar rearward may be removed. All door panels may be modified for clearance of the roll cage. ~~All OEM door panels shall be retained except where relocation of door levers and switches are required due to the installation of homologated roll cages on 2008 and newer model year vehicles. In these instances, Minimal modification to the door structure (to the degree required to remount the levers and switches) is permitted and alternate interior door panels must~~ may be used in place of the OEM door trim panel to provide protection from metal edges.

Rationale: Some cars have complicated door panels with large contours, air bags, cup holders and other features that interfere with roll cages. This change is being made to allow additional modifications of the door panel so that it does not interfere with the roll cage.

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